

22 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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1. During my absence, I want you to build up a factual chronology with attachments as appropriate to indicate in a chronological manner everything that I personally did during the Cuban crises, either for or against motherhood and against or for sin.
2. I realize the record is quite spotty but in order that I be prepared for any further confrontation, please put together everything you can.
3. What I have in mind is something like this (and the dates and information are as I remember them):

August 22 -- I discussed the problem of Cuba with considerable passion at the Watch Committee meeting, told them all to watch it very closely, and that I intended in the following week to put it under constant surveillance by the Watch Committee as an area of possible Soviet hostile action.

August 28 -- I directed at the Watch Committee that Cuba be placed on the critical list for possible Soviet hostile action.

August 29 to September 2 --(or thereabouts) I made two telephone calls to General Lemnitzer urging a low-level reconnaissance of Cuba and asked him to sound out the Defense Department on this prior to my taking it up with Special Group.

September 3 -- I mentioned the need at Special Group for additional overflights of Cuba and particularly for low-level reconnaissance.

September 10 -- I dispatched a memorandum to Mr. McNamara urging low-level reconnaissance of Banes and other COMOR critical requirements.

4. The foregoing is what I have in mind. There are many items which occurred during the dates above which are not listed but which you will be able to dig up in the records. Since this is a personal chronology, I am concerned only with those periods when the Director was not here and when I was Acting Director. This would be from 23 August to 24 September, and several subsequent short periods thereafter.

5. Please see what you can develop during the next week and I will talk to you about it after that.

/s/  
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